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A Message from Councilmember Malnar

Greetings Sahuaro District Residents,

This week the Council voted unanimously to approve a General Plan Amendment, which created a scenic corridor on both sides of Loop 101 between 51st Avenue and Bell Road. The approval of this plan will permanently prevent bill boards along the scenic corridor. This has been a topic of concern in the Sahuaro District for a long time and can now be put to rest. This action is the direct result of Glendale residents standing firm and making their voices known.

In other actions, the Council approved entering into a master services and purchasing agreement with Taser international for the implementation and ongoing expenses of a police video capture system. This agreement also includes body worn cameras and in-vehicle recorders over a 5 year period. The Department of Justice grant of \$449,986 will be utilized to offset part of the \$3.5 million total cost. This new technology will provide investigative, analytical, and review tools for the over 166,000 per year in-person contacts by our police force.

The Council also approved a bond to pay for land purchased near the Cardinals Stadium in October, 2015. As part of the agreement the City entered into with the Cardinals, it required Glendale to provide parking for several thousand vehicles near the stadium. The City of Glendale currently leases spaces to fulfill this obligation. At one time there was discussion to build a parking garage

at the cost of approximately \$50 million. This land purchase will provide the needed parking spaces and will allow for other developments on the property. The main concern I had about this bond was the impact on the secondary property taxes. Fortunately, the current financial policy for secondary property tax allows bonds to be issued only if the new bond will not raise the secondary property tax assessment. This was made possible with this new bond, mainly due to the recent retirement of existing bonds through refinancing etc.

Next week the Council will hold a workshop on light rail transit in Glendale. If you have an opinion on light rail into Glendale, I would like to hear it.

- Ray Malnar

SAVE THE DATE: Sahuaro District Meeting

- Thursday, March 24th, 2016
- 5:30pm to 7pm
- Paseo Racquet Center and Park
63rd Avenue and Thunderbird Road
- More details to follow!



Short, Important Survey for Glendale Transportation Plan (Reminder- Feb 29th will be the last day to submit a survey response) -

The City of Glendale is updating its Transportation Master Plan, and wants YOUR input! The Plan will define how the City's transportation system will improve and change over the next 25 years, how investments will be prioritized, and how decisions will be made-to ensure that Glendale continues to

provide and plan for its residents, businesses, and visitors' transportation needs.

Please visit www.glendaleaztmp.com and click on "Survey" along the Navigation Bar at the top of the home page to complete a short survey about Goals, Objectives, and Priorities related to transportation in Glendale.

The transportation system is important because it is how we get to and from school, work, shopping, medical appointments, entertainment and recreational opportunities, and more! The Transportation Master Plan 2015-2040 will address all modes- vehicular, non motorized, transit, and aviation. The more that residents, businesses, community and professional organizations, and other entities that use the transportation system in Glendale are involved in the development of the Transportation Master Plan 2015-2040, the better the Plan will be.

Please feel free to share the link-and Thank You for your input!!

Visit Glendale Holds Photo Challenge Conjunction With Arizona PBS Station. Contest Highlights 'Living the Sweet Life in Glendale, AZ' -

GLENDAL, Ariz. - The Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau, newly rebranded as Visit Glendale, has recently launched a photo challenge in conjunction with KAET, Arizona's PBS station. The photo challenge is themed 'Living the Sweet Life in Glendale, AZ'.

The contest, called 'Capture My Arizona,' is an ongoing campaign designed to showcase Arizona through the eyes of Arizona photographers. Through the contest, individual challenges focus on particular areas, events, or other items of interest. "This time of year is all about the sweet life - whether it's the Glendale Chocolate Affaire, an upcoming spring training game, or even just a sweet walk with your dog in the park," said Lorraine Zomok, President & CEO Visit Glendale. "We are looking for what the sweet life means to both residents and visitors."

The 'Living the Sweet Life in Glendale, AZ' challenge, which runs Feb. 1 through March 31, will offer two prizes, both Cerreta Candy Company chocolate baskets, one for editor's choice and one for people's choice.

To enter, visit <http://www.capturemyarizona.com/challenges/living-the-sweet-life-in-glendale-az>. The contest ends on March 31. Find additional information on Glendale online at www.visitglendale.com or call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

We Need Your Input!

Conceptual Analysis of Possible Western Area Branch Library -

In October 2015, the Glendale City Council provided direction to explore the possibility of constructing and opening a modified version of a planned Western Area Branch Library to serve the residents of Glendale. The [Library Advisory Board](#) is hosting a series of public meetings to gather community input and feedback regarding preliminary design concepts for the two proposed sites. You can review and comment on the proposed floor plans, ask questions of the architect and learn about the planned scope of library services. [Details](#)



Glendale Events

Make Your Taxes Less Taxing -

Tax Help from AARP Tax-Aide

8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday - Thursday, except holidays (Fridays by appointment only), through Apr. 18, at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will provide free basic assistance with filing federal and state taxes online. This service is open to anyone but is aimed at moderate-income and low-income people ages 60 and older. All volunteer preparers are IRS-trained and certified. Please note that volunteers cannot assist with business or complicated individual returns. Service is limited to the first 50 people per day. For more information, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit www.aarp.org/taxaide.

Preparing for Taxes

1 p.m., Tuesday, Mar. 15, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. Natasha Lopez from Take Charge America will review the elements of a tax return, suggest what documents to prepare, and explain how your tax return is calculated. For more information, call 623-930-3430.

Geek Out with Computer Games & Coding -

*Go Mobile: Game Club (Ages 12-18) & Glendale Code Club (Ages 10-18)

3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Mar. 1-Apr. 26, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Code Club requires registration but Game Club does not. For more information, call 623-930-3537 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

*Go Mobile: Game Club (Ages 12-18)

3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Thursdays, Mar. 3-Apr. 28, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. For more information, call 623-930-3437.

Coding Club (Ages 7-11)

3 p.m., Saturday, Mar. 5 & 12, at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. Registration required. For more information or to register, call 623-930-3837 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

*Go Mobile: More Games (Ages 18+)

6:30 p.m., Thursday, Mar. 17, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. Staff will demonstrate popular games designed for your Android tablets and/or phones. Registration required. For more information or to register, call 623-930-3430 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Adult Coloring Club -

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Mar. 1, at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.
5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Mar. 3, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.
1 p.m., Monday, Mar. 21, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Adults coloring? Absolutely! Become part of the newest trend in stress relief. Coloring pages and colored pencils will be provided, but feel free to bring your own art supplies, too. For information, call 623-930-3849 (FBL), 623-930-3573 (Main), or 623-930-3440 (VTL).

Dog Behavior Training -

7 to 8:15 p.m., Tuesdays for 4 weeks beginning Mar. 1, at Acoma Park, 53rd Ave. and Acoma Rd. (between Greenway and Thunderbird).

Train your dog using friendly, non-violent techniques. Sit, stay, come, down, walking on a leash, behavior topics and solving problems such as chewing, barking, biting, jumping and more are covered. Bring your dog, leash, treats in small pieces, water bowl, water, your dog's favorite toy and training equipment already in use. Manual and training aid included. Handlers ages 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Dogs must be at least five months old and have proof of shots. The class is \$59 (non-

resident \$69) and preregistration is required. Call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation to register.

Spring Training Is Back at Camelback Ranch!

Beginning Thursday, Mar. 3, at Camelback Ranch - Glendale, 10710 W. Camelback Road, Phoenix.

Glendale's hometown teams, the Chicago White Sox and back-to-back-to-back National League West Division Champion Los Angeles Dodgers, are back at Camelback Ranch-Glendale this March! Tickets start at just \$9 per game. You won't want to miss fun promotions like Uptown Alley Family Sundays, where kids get the chance to run the bases after the game, and the Victory Lap, seniors' chance to stroll the bases following all Wednesday games. Catch Clayton Kershaw, Chris Sale, Adrian Gonzalez and Jose Abreu in your backyard, right at your hometown ballpark! Visit www.CamelbackRanchBaseball.com for more information.

Ballroom Dance -

6:45 to 7:45 p.m., Thursdays for 6 weeks beginning Mar. 3, at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. Learn a variety of popular ballroom dances for couples, frequently performed at social events and celebration parties. Expand your dancing skills while learning the basics of the Waltz, Foxtrot and Tango, taught by experienced ballroom dance instructor, Jason Dalaly. Impress your friends and family at your next event or party with your smooth and skillful dance moves. Geared for couples. Wear hard-soled shoes that will slide. The class is \$39 (non-resident \$49) and preregistration is required. Call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation to register.

Country Dance - Arizona Two-Step -

7:45 to 8:45 p.m., Thursdays for 6 weeks beginning Mar. 3, at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. Learn the Arizona Two-Step, how to lead and follow, turns and more! If you are a beginner, and would like to master the basics before progressing to a public dance floor, this class is for you. Wear hard-soled shoes that will slide. The class is \$39 (non-resident \$49) and preregistration is required. Call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation to register.

Gallery Glendale: Arizona Artists Guild's Annual Juried Statewide Exhibition of Fine Arts -

6 to 9 p.m., Fridays, Saturdays & by appointment, Mar. 4-26, at Westgate Entertainment District, 9380 W. Westgate Blvd., Suite D-102. Creations by Arizona artists working in painting, drawing, photography, sculpture and digital art will be juried by three professionals in the arts. Prizes include Best of Show (\$1000), Award of Excellence (\$500), and Award of Merit (\$250). Enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres at our reception on Saturday, Mar. 5, from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 623-930-3557, contact mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com or visit www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale.

CPR and First Aid Training -

6 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, Mar. 8, at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. Learn basic CPR and first aid to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to administer emergency care in cases of injury or sudden illness. Successful completion cards will be distributed. A health care provider option is offered for an additional \$5, payable at class. Ages 12+. The class is \$37 (non-resident \$44) and preregistration is

required. Call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation to register.

Arizona Artists Guild's Sixth Annual Juried Statewide Exhibition of Fine Arts
March Gallery Hours: 6 to 9 p.m., Fridays, Saturdays & by appointment, from
March 4th - 26th -

Opening Reception: The public is invited to meet the artists and enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres on Saturday, Mar. 5, from 6 to 9 p.m.

This exhibition will feature creations by artists from all over the state of Arizona working in all types of visual art media, including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture and digital art. The exhibit will be juried by three professionals in the arts: Tim Conte, Visiting Artist - Arizona State University; John Tuomisto-Bell, owner of Tuomisto-Bell Studio and Foundry; and Nathan Feller, drawing and design instructor at Paradise Valley Community College. Prizes will be awarded by the jurors, including Best of Show (\$1000), Award of Excellence (\$500) and Award of Merit (\$250).

The Arizona Artists Guild was established in 1928 with the mission to encourage the support of local artists working in all artistic media. For more information about the Arizona Artists Guild, visit www.arizonaartistsguild.net.

Gallery Glendale at Westgate is made possible through a partnership between the City of Glendale and Westgate Entertainment District. The Gallery is located at 9380 W. Westgate Blvd., Suite D-102, next to Crave Waffle Sandwich Creations. Admission to the gallery is free and open the public. For more information, please call 623-930-3557 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale.

January - March, Mondays - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.: (City-Wide) - **Citizenship Classes:** Presented by the International Rescue Committee, this free, ten-week class will teach the fundamentals of United States Politics, Government, and History included in the U.S. Citizenship exams. The classes will be held on Feb. 22 and 29; and March 7, 14, 21, 28 at the Velma Teague Library. They are free and open to the general public. Registration is required. For more information, please contact Mike Beck at 930-3546.

The Five15 Gallery Artist Collective Exhibit Comes To Gallery Glendale
Westgate -

GLENDAL, Ariz. -Members of the Five15 Arts Gallery, one of Roosevelt Row District's long established artist collectives, will hold a special satellite exhibit at Gallery Glendale at Westgate during February, located inside Westgate Entertainment District, 9380 W. Westgate Blvd., Suite D-102.

Artists include Samuel Dahl, Anne Howey-Falvey, Hallie Mueller, Michelle Terry-Helmick and Joan C. Thompson. The exhibit will showcase new and existing works, featuring both traditional and experimental techniques in painting, drawing, printmaking, and mixed media. Artwork will be available for sale.

The public is invited to meet the artists and enjoy wine and light refreshments at the opening reception on Friday, Feb. 5, 6 - 9 p.m. The exhibit will be on view every Friday and Saturday in February during regular gallery hours, Feb. 5-27, 6 - 9 p.m. About the artists:

* Sam Dahl, MFA, was born in Germany, but has lived in America since 1985. He has been painting, drawing and building since age eight. In 2010, after receiving a

degree in painting, he embarked on a new life in Phoenix, where he could be affected by a new terrain, teach young people how to realize their own talent with image-making, and make ever new bodies of work. His work is on shaped, non-rectangular wood panel, and his media include oil paint, ink, graphite, and charcoal.

* Anne Howey-Falvey is a realist who employs painterly brush strokes and unconventional mark making. Her current work blends images, text, and abstract marks with imagery as a means to explore emotional connections with both childhood memories and her current relationships.

* Hallie Mueller originally comes from New England where she received her education in Connecticut and Maine. Since moving west, Hallie has been fascinated with imagery accumulated from travels across different landscapes. Her work deals with layering and the way visual ambiguity, specifically overlap and transparency, captures emotional memory.

* Michelle Terry-Helmick is a native of the Southwest and comes from a family of artists and makers. She is self-taught. Using a variety of media including drawing, mixed media painting and sculpture, her styles range from photorealism to abstract. Experimentation with texture, form, color, capturing personality and an empathy for her subjects, whether human or still life, is the focus of her works.

* Joan C. Thompson MA MFA, has made prints, paintings and mixed media artwork her lifelong. A past high school/college art instructor, her focus has been on process, meaning and message. Color, design and form and an abiding love of midcentury modern are recent appearances in her work.

Participating artists will be available during gallery hours to discuss their work. To learn more about the artists and their techniques, visit <http://www.five15arts.com>. Gallery Glendale at Westgate is made possible through a partnership between the city of Glendale and Westgate Entertainment District. The gallery is located between Crave Waffle Sandwich Creations and Mama Gina's Pizzeria.

The gallery is open to the public and admission is free. For more information, contact Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Glendale Public Art Program Manager, at 623-930-3557 or at Mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com or visit <http://www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale>.

Coffee with a Cop Events-

Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and hear about crime trends in your neighborhood. For more information, contact your Community Action Team: Officer Andy Lynes, 623-930-2554, Crime Prevention Specialist Angela Botz, 623-930-2571.

- **March 15, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Manuel's Mexican Restaurant, 5670 W Peoria.**
- **March 16, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., The Place Restaurant, 5171 W Bell Rd.**

Service Spotlight



Some quick links to help our users:



[Water Services](#)

[Glendale Police Department](#)

[Glendale Fire Department](#)

[Join Nextdoor](#)- The Glendale Police Department is using Nextdoor to connect with residents to promote stronger and safer neighborhoods. This page is not monitored 24/7. For emergencies call 9-1-1.

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My Glendale Today Show: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLh2qy1UEBrT9hslluOgpa3l7xt9Gs-r5V>

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